Thalhimer's

Sale of Satchels and Bags

Slightly Soiled, at Half Price.

75 Satchels and Bags of all kinds, slightly soiled and shop worn, to be sold at a great sacrifice.

OF INJURED

chester Resting Well.

NEW ELKS' LODGE TO-DAY

Institution Will Begin at 2 o'Clock This

Afternoon-Mrs. Bradley's Talk.

Illness of Superintendent Allen-

Church Services.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street. }
Engineer C. C. Lamb and Fireman

George Hix, of the engine and freight

train that was badly wrecked in Manchester, were reported his getting along

TALK FULL | CONDITION OF INTEREST

Lecture by Miss Susan Blow Those Hurt in Wreck in Manon the Kindergarten.

IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT

An Attentive Audience Heard Her Discourse, which Was Pronounced One of the Most Brilliant Heard in Years.

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ence last night at the Woman's Club, for which she was presented by Governor Montague, Miss Susan Blow, one of the most distinguished educators in the country deliverd, under the auspices of the Richmond Education Association, a lecture pronounced by those who heard it to be the finest and most scholarly of its kind ever heard in Richmond.

Miss Blow is a native of Norfolk, Va., but many years of her life were spent in St. Louis, where she was instrumental in introducing into the public school the kindergarten system. More recently she has been traveling over the country delivering lectures. She is at this particular time just entering upon a tour through the South, where she hopes to arouse greater interest in the great kindergarten method which has already taken hold in other sections of the land. From here she will go to Norfolk, and tien to Greensboro, Charleston, Knoxville, New Orleans, and possibly Mobile. She is a distinguished scholar, and has written several, well known books.

The subject discussed last night by Miss Blow was "The Kindergarten," about which she is, through her long and successful experience, well qualified to speak, After an introductory reference to the fact that Americans are the most romantic people in the world, and that the principle of the education of the people is grounded in the Declaration of Independence itself, she went on to discuss the various phases of the subject she had undertaken for the evening. She spoke of the necessity of early training of the child, a training which should begin between the ages of there and six, the period when the child is forming its ideas and ideals. The atmosphere of the early school is not adapted to this early age of the pupil, and hence the need of the kindergarten, the two great efforts of which are to kindle healthy affections, and shape the will. Between the ages of there and six the brain of the child as its greatest constructive activity and muscular training is easiest.

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Miss Blow went on to speak in appreciation to the miss blow went on the immortal Froebel, and his method, which is now adopted the world over. She dwelt particularly upon his work for the training of these who were in turn to train the children. Upon this training she laid the utmost importance, and declared that the greatest goal of all education is to nurture the insections. PRAISED THE SOUTH.

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At one point Miss Blow took occasion to speak in complimentary terms of the South. The southern temperament was more enthusiastic, is better adapted to the life of the children than the colder, more conservative wind of the North To the South, she said, she looked as a section from which the greatest and best leachers are yet to come.

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improving.

MRS. BRADLEDY'S TABLE.

Mrs. W. B. Bradley, who will be one
of the ladies in charge of the Virginia
table at the Confederate Bazaar next

SAN DOMINGO, REPUBLIC OF BANTO DOMINGO, REPUBLIC OF BANTO DOMINGO, Tuesday, March 24.—The Inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of airr this afternoon by the fact that further fight-

ing is taking place at San Carlos, nea here.

here.

A commission has left San Döminge for Azua and Barahons, on the warship Independencia, in order to bring about the surrender of these places. The warship Colon has left here for San Pedro da Macoris, in order to compel that town to surrender.

Revolutionists Are Masters.

River Bulletin

WOODWARD & SON

WAS SHUT UP WITH IT

Dr. Curd Will Tell His Experience With
Smallpox.

The Church Hill doctors expect to have a most interesting discussion of smallpox to-night at the residence of Dr. W. Yf. Parker. The leader will be none either than Dr. Isaac Curd, who has curtainly been in closer quarters with the dread disease than any physician in this community. For weeks he was shut up with case after case, seeing nobody but his patients. He knows the disease thoroughly, and his experience with it. will be interesting to hear, and of value to his medical calleagues. At the time of Dr. Curd's agreeing to nurse the smallpox patients his practice of self denial and devotion to duty won the admiration and graitfude of the city.

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SAENGER HALLE OPENING

Mr. Lawler Will Entertain His Friends

This Evening. Old Saenger Halle, rejuvenated, repainted, refurnished, and refreshed, will be formally opened to the public to-night at which time the lessee, Mr. M. J. Lawler, will tender his friends and the public an opening feast, with a musical programme, and some good things to est. Revolutionists Are Masters.

(If Associated Press.)

MONTE CHRICTO. REPUBLIC OF SANTO DOMINGO, March 25.—The advices received here from San Domingo show that General Alejandro Wos Y. Gil and his revolutionary followers are masters of San Domingo City, and it is said that General Miguel Pichardo, the Minister of War, and General 4220 Francisco Sanchez, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who had sought refuge in the United States consulate, surrondered themselves hast night to the revolutionists with a small group of followers. The revolutionists are in possession of two of the three Dominican warships, namely, the cruiser Independencia and the gunboat Colon.

Mr. Lawler is well known as the pro-prietor of the Merchants' Cafe, which he will continue to conduct in connection with his new place.

Ladles' Degree Conferred.

The wives and daughters of Masons had a delightful fine at Smithdeal Hall last night when the ladies' degree was conferred. In the nadministration of the honors, Worshipful James H. Capers was assisted by Miss Edna Bloomberg, Following these exercises an attractive musical programme was charmingly rendered.

ELMER COLLINS IS ACQUITTED OF GUILT

(By Associated Press.)

GEORGETOWN, DEL., March 26.—
Ehner Collins was to-night acquitted of the charge of killing his wife, Ilda. The case was, after being on trial for two weeks, given to the jury at 6 o'clock to-night, and the verdict was rendered four tours later,

Meet Next in Washington.

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(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 25.—The convention of the Woman's National Suffrage Association came to a close to-night, after a session presided over by Mrs. Austin Stone Cullen, of Cenada.

The next convention will be held in Weshington, D. C.

EBY LOST THE MATCH

Clearwater Won Out by Good Margin Last Night.

SHERMAN DOESN'T REPLY

Good Attendance at the Last Series of the Tournament at Saenger Halle. Championship Trophy On Exhibition at Tuxedo

W. H. Clearwater, of Pittsburg, twice W. H. Clearwater, of Pittsburg, twice champion pool player of the world, last night defeated Grant Eby in the final 200-point game of a 600-point match at Sienger Halle, in the presence of a large crowd of enthusiastic lovers of pool.

Mr. Eby has already defended the Brunswick-Balke championship emblem twice during a period of less than a year that it has been in his possession, and alhough he was defeated in his present match by Mr. Clearwater, his work was marked at times by brilliant and long runs, the highest number of balls pocked by him without missing being fifty-six, while his opponent secured at one time forty-five.

It is very fair to Mr. Eby to say that the element of luck was not in his favor, a number of brilliantly successful shots leaving him where it became a necessity for him to either play safety or make a reckless and costly shot, while on the other hand the balls broke more favorably for Mr. Clearwater.

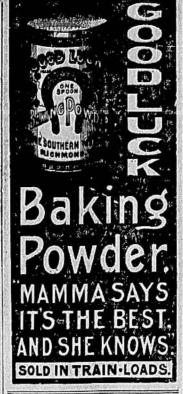
DESERVES CREDIT.

Mr. Gus Michelbacher, proprietor of the Tuxedo Billiard and Pool Parlors, deserves much credit for the enterprise has shown in going to a large expense in fitting up Saenger Halle for the contest and guaranteeing the purse for which the experts contested.

Arrangements are under way with the Westmoreland Club to schedule a game at the club-house this afternoon, when Mr. Eby and Mr. Clearwater will give another exhibition in a 200-point game for the benefit of the club members.

SHERMAN SILENT.

Mr. Frank Sherman, of Washington, exchampion pool player of the world, last



UNDER THE LIME LIGHT

The Best Drill of All at the Confederate Fair.

Under colored lights, the girl soldiers commanded by Captain Josephine Bullivan, gave the most satisfactory drill of all at the Confederate Fair last night.



PRINCIPALS IN THE POOL CONTEST.

George Hix, of the engine and freight train that was badly wrecked in Marchester, were reported as getting along as well as possible last right.

The men were injured in a collision between two freight trains at the trestle on the Atlantic Coast Line in Manchester, not far from the entrance to the James Rwer bridge. The collision was due to the liability of the trainmen to operate the brakes on a train of forty cars bound for Richmond, upon a track occupied by another freight train, the engine of which was in charge of the injured met. As the engines struck there was a great crash, and five cars were detailed and badly damaged. All of them were empty. The engine, operated by the injured men, was at a standstill and headed for the Atlantic Coast Line yards.

A block of tracks was forn, a telegraph pole was broken, and the trestle was damaged. Engineer Al. Crooks and his freman, in charge of the train coming to Richmond, jumped and saved themselves, as did the trainmen of both trains.

The accident caused some delay in all trains coming into the city from the South. Those that came in while the removal of the wreckage was in progress, came around by the Belt Line to Elba The collision occurred about 4 o'clock A. M., and the track was cleared about 11 o'clock.

The injuries to Mr. Lamb were a broken arm and shoulder blade, some scalds and other bruises, and Fireman Hix was badly injured internally inside, sustaining many cuts and bruises. His condition is serious.

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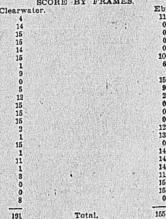
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Everything is in readiness for the inside, sustaining many cuts and bruises. His condition of the ceremonies, which will probabily continue champion, has not responded to the chal-lenge issued by Mr. Eby on Tuesday night in which the champion challenges Mr. Sherman to play a 200-point game for a purse of \$1,000, Mr. Eby having posted a cash forfeit of \$100 with Mr. Micheibacher as evidence of good faith. The following is the score of last night's play by frames:

play by frames: SCORE BY FRAMES. easy last night.

Superintendent Willis Allen, of the
Almshouse and Cemetery, who has been
sick for several weeks, is reported as



191 Total. 155
First series—Eby, 212; Clearwater, 186.
Second series—Eby, 146; Clearwater, 223.
Grand total—Eby, 513; Clearwater, 600.
The interest manifested in the games has indicated that Mr. Michelbacher's judgment in bringing the experts here was not misplaced.

BUYS CARY WAREHOUSE

Mr. Leigh Pays \$12,500 for Property. Handsome Franklin-Street Residence. Mr. Egbert G. Leigh has purchased of Messrs, T. M. Wortham & Company the John R. Cary warehouse, recently offered for sale at public auction. The sum paid by Mr. Leigh is reported to be \$12,500, which is considered a bargain, It is understood to be an investment on the part of Mr. Leigh. Mr. Neale is now the lesses of the warehouse, using it for the storage of tobacco.

Mr. J. J. Hloock will have a fine resi-Mr. J. J. Hicock will have a line residence erected on West Franklin Street. It is No. 810 and will cost, exclusive of furnishing, between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Mr. John T. Winston has been awarded the contract, and will begin work at

The statement recently published that Messre, J. H. Elam & Company sold No. 1019 West Marshall Street to Dr. C. A. Blanton on last Friday was a mistake in so far as to the real estate agents making the safe, Messrs. A. J. Chewning Company are the enterprising agents who sold the property.

WILL RECOVER

Young Girl Who Shot Herself Improving at the Hospital.

The condition of Miss America Bertucci, the young girl who attempted suicide ear-

At the close of the dr.H Gendral Tite-hugh Lee made a fine speech to the sol-dier girls, in which he said had he "had such soldiers as these in his army, war would have been a pleasant thing for him and he would have gone further." He pre-sented Captain Josephine Sullivan a pic-ture from her "brigade." She was also presented with a handsome bouquet of American beauties by Colonel Jo Lane Stern.

After the drill last night Mrs. Valen tine and son conducted an auction sale of some fancy articles, which brought a

good price.
PILLOW FOR THE GOVERNOR. PILLOW FOR THE GOVERNOR.
A handsome sofa pillow was voted Governor Montague from the Candy Booth of Mrs. Nolson Powell. It was made of the autographs of the Governors of each of the Bouthern States. The pillow was the work of Miss Francis Powell. It is made of rich red satin and the names are written on heavy white slik ribbon. It was presented by Colonel Jo Lane Stern.

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Mr. W. Dunford, of Ninth Street, drew the handsome lamp from the Furniture Booth.

The smoking jacket at the Tobacco Booth was won by Mr. Walter Hurt, and he will please call at booth for same.

The New Home sowing machine is much admired and is being voted off by several of the ladies. The machine is in charge of Mrs. D. M. Burgess.

A Standard sewing machine, donated to Miss Ruby Bodeker, is also being sold. The cake, representing a fort, in the restaurant, was donated by Lewis Broon through Mrs. Sadler and brought the sum of twenty dollars.

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It was won by Captain Wise, of the Third-Street engine house.

The shawl raffled at Earl Miller Booth was won by Mr. Arthur Loth. The same can be had by calling at the booth.

The fine Cable plano Conafed by the Cable Company is on exhibition in the music booth. This instrument is being disposed of by a raffle. The tickets are \$1 each, and this beautiful instrument will go to the person holding the lucky number.

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Mr. "Bobby" Mack, of the Bostock Company, was on hand yesterday afternoon with "Tobe," dog and his monkeys, and showed them off in a number of performances to a large audience. The children were delighted with their antics and applauded most liberally. Little Miss Gladys Peyton presided at the plano and furnished music for the animals.

A prize fight took place between two little dogs representing Corbet and Fitzsimmons, and the monkey Mark Hanna acted as referce, A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bostock for fils interesting show.

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MISS LEE TO RECEIVE.

In compliance with the request of many of the admirers of her distinguished father, who desire to pay their respects to her. Miss Mary Lee has consented to receive her friends and the public generally at the Bazanr from 9 to 10 o'clock. This will give an opportunity to the many who desire to meet this much esteemed lady.

The attendance last night was spiendid. There were a number of members from

The attenuance ast angle was spendio. There were a number of members from the Seventieth Regiment on hand, and also a company of the Blues.

The fair will probably close to-night, and the proceedings will be of unusual interest.

the young girl who attempted suicide early yesterday morning by shooting, was
much improved last night. It is thought
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sha will recover.
The parents of the girl are heart-broken over the sad affair and are unable to
over t

tenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that be sold to noighboring tenants, and that three commissioners to be known as State Commissioners, shall supervise the sales. The names of the three commissioners are Michael Fluence, secretary to the Bengal Revenue and Statistical Department; Frederick S. Wrench, now one of the Irish Land Commissioners, and William F. Balley, one of the assistant commissioners on the Irish Land Commission. They will be under the general cordiol of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The bill will become effective November 1st. GREAT THRONG.

IN HOUSE

Nationalists Cheer Reading

of the Measure.

WERE STIRRING SCENES

Lord Abercorn and John Redmond

Shake Hands-Scheme is One That

Will Cost Millions and Will

Bring Peace to Ireland.

(Br associated Press.)
LONDON, March 25.—The Irish Soore-

ery. Mr. Wyndham, introduced the gov

ernment's long anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons this afternoon.

It proposes a grant of \$60,000,000, for the purpose of the bill. Tenants are to pay three and one-fourth per cent, interest

on loans from the government. Mr. Wynd-

ham said he thought the scheme would not involve \$500,000,000, but that \$750,000,000

could safely be advanced on Irish land.

The advances to tenants are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts, and \$5,000

elsewhere. The bill also provides that un-

Int. ORBAT THRONG.

The keen interest folt in this new legislation, which, it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was shown by the crowded house. The peers gallery and the distinguished stranger's gallery were filled, and there has been no such gathering of members of Parlianment since the opening of the session. In the diplomatic gallery sat United States Secretary Henry White, an interested spectator, while almost every Irish peer listened to Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the bill.

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From an early hour this morning the stone benches from the House of Commons entrance to the doors of the lobby, were packed with impatient Irishmen, among whom were many priests, Most of these went away without seeing even the inside of the executive chamber, the galleries of which were crowded as has not been the casefor many aday. Michael Dawitt, the "father" of the Land League, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since in ceased to be a membr, in order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland unfold his plans. For the most part the Liberal members sat glum, the applause coming from the Irish benches. A hush of expectancy fell over the House when Mr. Wyndham rose to speak, When the galleries found him sympathetic a feeling of relief prevailed on all sides.

Fir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said little, and other prominent Liberals wound up with the admission that it was "a great bill."

STRIKING SCENES:

The first reading of the bill was followed by a rush to the lobby where ensued scenes that might well make the late Mr. Parnel turn in his grave. Earl Dudley could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather lave suffered every pennity than associate with the official head of the Irish Government. Beside Lord Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthors' McDonald, the first National Irish Secretary. Horace Plunkett, Lord Aveagf, Lord Ashourne and many Unionists joined the group. The Duke of Abercerry, the most powerful inflored to John Redmond, and a mutual friend brought the Duke to the lender of the Nationana party, with whork the leader of the Nationana party with whork the leader of the Stought the gale to t

The advances will be in the shape of cash and not stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "Guaranteed 23-4 per cent, stock," and will be unredeemable for thirty years.

Mr. Wyndham doubted it \$500,000,000 of the stock would be needed. It will be insued at the rate of \$35,000,000 yearly for the first three years, and afterwards possibly in larger sums. In addition to this first three years, and afterwards possibly in larger sums. In addition to the first three years, and afterwards possibly in larger sums. In addition to the stock, the fatterest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury, and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,950,000. Against this charge on the British treasury the 17f. government proposes forthwith to commence reductions in the cost of administration amounting to \$1,250,000 per annum forever.

Proceeding. Mr. Wyndham dealt with the points of the bill which contains a bewildering mass of figures, showing how advances will be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems in the main to be on the lines laid down by the land conference report and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants. In the source of his speech, which was punctuated by offers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland were being ruined financially and that the tonants were being ruined financially and that the tonants were being ruined financially and commission, and \$7,000,000 to life irish police, which largefy was needed for deal with illegalities arising from the land commission, and \$7,000,000 to life in the landlords and tenants come to getter?"

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life taxpayors viewpoint, it was stated
that aid for land purchase was a ser'
commercial transaction. By the aid of the
State 80,000 tenants had already bought
their holdings, and the State ind not lost
a half-penny. Public opinion supported
repsyment, and this was high moral setourity, besides which was the security of
the land itself.

Mr. Wyndham proceeded, saying that
in view of the strong recommendation
of the recent land conference the government had provided that the landlords
might make their own arrangements with
the tenants if they tailled with the policy of the present bill, which instead of
expatrialing the landlords, as stated in
some quarters, would, he hoped, enable
them to remain in the country.



From the Highest to the Lowest

ANY man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well-nigh universal almost omnipresent. Peruit and the beginning of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cheat catarrh out of its victims, Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it.

Catarrh affections may be acute or chronic, mild or severe, ephemeral or stubborn, lasting or fleeting, painful or

Mr. Peter Schaefer, Commissioner of High Ridge, 4444 Morten Street, High Ridge, Ill., writes:

"I am a perfectly well and strong man to-day, thanks to Peruna. I suffered for five years with an unpleasant catarrh of the head, aggravated if I caught the least cold. No snuff or inhalers helped me any, but five bottles of Peruna cured me and I give you unstinted praise for your medicine. It deserves it."—Peter Schaefer.

trivial, but they all have one origin, one nature—catarrh. They all have one cure—Peruna.

A Host of Witnesses-Pe-ru-na a Calicited Testimony of Thousands.

A Commodore in Our Navy Endorses

Pe-ru-na.

Commodore Nicholson, 1837 B Street,
N. W., Washington, D. C., writes:

"Your Peruna has been and is now used by so many of my friends and acquaintances as a cure for catarrh that I am convinced of its curretive qualities, and I unnesitatingly recommend it to all persons suffering from that complaint."—
Commodore Nicholson,
The day was when men of prominence hesitated to give their testimonials to propriotary medicines.
But Peruna has become so justly famous, its merits are known to so many people of high and low standing, that no one hesitates to see his name in print recommending Peruna.

Over fifty members of Congress have
written their endorsement of the world-famous cntarrh remedy, Peruna. This is an age when theories have lit-

THE STEEL TRUST TO MERGE ITS PLANTS

TRENTON, N. J., March 25 .- The Secretary of State's office was notified this evening that the United States Steel Corporation would to-morrow file articles merging its various plants. The information given conveyed no idea as to the capitalization of the new company, or as to whether there would be any change

ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HUSBAND'S MURDER

(By Associated Press.)
EATONTON, GA., March 25.—Mrs.
John T. Griffin, widow of a planter who was shot and killed Monday, presumably by negroes, was arrested here to-day on suspicion, of compileity in the murder. Mrs. Grain's nephew, a young man named Knowies, is also held in connection with the crime.

Sorrow in London.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 25,—The tragic end LONDON, March 25.—The tragic end of "Fighting Mac," who, the son of a High-land cottar, rose from a position of a draper's assistant to be an honored general in the British army, has caused great surprise and deep sorrow in London. The nature of the offenses with which he was charged had not become generally known to the public, but had become common gosspi in military circles, and although in the army and among his Highlander comrades, especially, there is keen grief. Their feeling is that it was "better to die thus than face dishonor."

Sir Hector Macdonald was separated from his wife many years ago, before he got his commission. He has not lived with her since. He leaves a son, who is being educated in an Engish public school.

Felegraphic Brevities.

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SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.—There was a grand reception at the theatre yesterday evening under the auspices of its Citizens' Committee in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt, following an elaborate display of fireworks on the Plaza, which lasted until 10 o'clock.

NPW YORK.—Judge Lacombe in the United States Circuit Court to-day denied the application of Whitaker Wright for ball.

SEVEN INJURED AT WEDDING CELEBRATION

tion of a wedding here a serenading party fired an old cannon. At the second discharge the cannon exploded among the bystanders, parts of it striking houses a block off. Seven persons were injured, two seriously.

ENGINE TURNED OVER KILLING ENGINEER

(By Associated Press.)
OGDEN, UTAH, March 25.—The first

fatal accident on the quagmire of the Ogden cut of the Southern Pacific, across the northern arm of the great Salt Lake, occurred hat night, when an engine ran off the track across the sink. The tracks had sunk six inches and the engine was overturned, Fireman Watson being killed and Engineer Jenkins slightly injured.

THE CUP DEFENDER TO BE LAUNCHED APRIL 11TH

(By Associated Press.)
BRISTOL, R. I., March 23.—If the present plans are carried out, the new America's cup yacht will be launched about 6:30 o'clock on the afternoon of April lith, and the yacht will be the first to have a "daylight" launching since 1893.

(By Associated Press.)

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BOSTON, MASS., March 25—It is reported that irregularities have been discovered in the transactions of the firm of M. F. Skinner & Co. by which various towns, including East Hampton and Greenfield, this State, were involved by the issue of duplicate bonds and the forging of the names of town officers. M. F. Skinner who did business under the firm name, has disappeared from the city. It is believed that the amount involved will be between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK VA., March 25.—The Bohemian Society tendered a birthday reception to-night to Arthur G. Levis, president of the National order, and the well known dramatic authority and author. Prominent citizens and newspaper men from Virginia, Washington and Balatimo a were present.

Skinner Skinned Them.

Banquet to Arthur G. Lewis.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Mississippl continues to full af Memphis and rise below. The stages' to-hight in the lower river where interest now centers were; Yicksburg, 51 feet, stationary; New Orleans, 20.2 feet, a rine of 0.1 foot, WASD LUMBER